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SUBJECT: ICELAND-UK FISHERIES DISPUTE: WIDESPREAD EDITORIAL CALL
FOR U.S. DEFENSE ROLE

1. ALL THREE AFTERNOON NEWSPAPERS JANUARY 13 URGED, IN VARIOUS
TERMS, INTERVENTION BY ICELAND DEFENSE FORCE TO PROTECT ICELAND
IN CURRENT FISHERIES DISPUTE.

2. MAVERICK INDEPENDENCE PARTY DAGBLADID, IN STRONGLY WORDED
EDITORIAL ENTITLED "WHAT DOES DEFENSE FORCE DEFEND?" SAID THAT IT
IS STRANGE TO BE IN ALLIANCE WITH STATE THAT HAS INDIRECTLY
DECLARED WAR ON ICELAND AND TO HAVE IN COUNTRY DEFENSE FORCE WHICH
CAN'T ASSIST. EDITORIAL SAID IDF USES EXCUSE THAT IT HAS NOT BEEN
ASKED FOR HELP AND REQUEST FROM GOI WOULD PROBABLY PUT DEFENSE FORCE
IN AWKWARD POSITION, BUT SO FAR THIS HAS NOT BEEN TESTED. "THERE
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IS NOTHING TO PREVENT GOI FROM TURNING TO DEFENSE FORCE AND

COMPLAINING THAT IT WASTES TIME MONITORING SUBMARINES 500 MILES AWAY WHILE ICELANDIC CUTTERS ARE BEING RAMMED THREE MILES FROM SHORE," PAPER CLAIMED. IT ADDS THAT IT WOULD BE REMARKABLE IF DEFENSE FORCE OF A NATION FAILED TO PROVIDE GENUINE DEFENSE WHEN REQUESTED BY LEGITIMATE AUTHORITIES.

3. IP-AFFILIATED VISIR SAID COUNTRY IS FACING CRUCIAL DECISIONS AND URGED ICELANDERS TO REMAIN CALM. EDITORIAL ADVISED AGAINST DRASTIC MEASURES SUCH AS WITHDRAWAL FROM NATO AND EVICTION OF IDF, NOTING THAT THESE ARE ELEMENTS OF STRENGTH IN ICELAND'S POSITION. HOWEVER, PAPER SAID, IF STEPS THAT GOI IS TAKING NOW DO NOT BEAR DESIRED RESULTS, "IT IS NATURAL TO ASK DEFENSE FORCE TO TAKE ACTION TO INSURE SECURITY OF ICELANDERS INSIDE FOUR-MILE TERRITORIAL LIMITS AND THAT OF (ICELANDIC) SHIPS IN FREE PASSAGE."

4. SOCIAL DEMOCRATIC PARTY'S ALTHYDUBLADID EDITORIAL RECALLED OBLIGATIONS ON U.S. UNDER DEFENSE AGREEMENT WITH ICELAND. PAPER ASKED IF IT SHOULD BE UNDERSTOOD THAT U.S. WOULD REMAIN INACTIVE IF SOVIET SHIP SAILED INTO ICELANDIC CUTTER AND TRIED TO SINK IT ONLY SHORT DISTANCE FROM ICELAND. "FOR OUR PART," PAPER SAID, "IT MAKES NO DIFFERENCE WHETHER PERPETRATORS OF SUCH ACT SPEAK ENGLISH OR RUSSIAN--AGRESSION AND VIOLENCE ARE SAME.." EVENTS AT KEFLAVIK PAST WEEKEND (BLOCKADES) SHOULD DEMONSTRATE TO NATO ALLIES HOW ICELAND VIEWS CURRENT SITUATION AND MAKE THEM AWARE THAT SUCH SENTIMENT IS INCREASING, ALTHYDUBLADID CONCLUDED. IRVING

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